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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE THIRD OFFICE ACTION

Initial Comments

Claims 2-5, 8, 9, 12, 13, 15-18, 20, 21, 24, 25, and 80-82 are pending in this application. Claims 2-5, 8, 9, 12, 13, 15-18, 21, 24, and 25 are allowed. Claims 80-82 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over US Patent 6,175,550 (van Nee) in view of US Patent 6,141,353 (Li).

No claims are amended herein.